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Minutes of April 30, 1996 Bikini Field Station Issues and Priorities Meeting

Jack Niedenthal, Bikini Local Government opened the meeting and asked for an invocation from the Bikini Mayors representative.

Earl Gilmore, project manager for the Bikini Local Government outlined what he felt were the priorities and goals of the meetings. He stressed that the diving venture was the first major outer atolls venture for the RMI and it was extremely important that it succeeded.

His priorities for completing construction were the Main Building (Old School House), the Council House, the Dive Shop, and the store. He felt that IBC would be able to finish construction on every facility up to and including the store by June 3rd.

The 4-plex, the recreation building, and the RRE DV building will be completed at later dates.

Of the utility systems the water system was critical. This involves installing the new 2500 gallon/day RO unit and possibly the 3000 gallon/day RO as back-up. It also involves construction of a saltwater intake well.

The other goal was to discuss the operations program interfaces, including what appears to be critical the mogas resupply. Bill Tockles stated during the fuel discussions that there would be no co-mingling of fuels between the different entities. S&Q rates between the BFS users also needs to be addressed.

Earl asked Gordon MacLeod to go through the issues that DOE/BN had passed out among the participants.

Fuel - BN/DOE have three 5000 gallon JP-4 containers for diesel and drum storage for mo-gas. The diesel is used for power generation and heavy equipment. The mo-gas for vehicle and boats. IBC will be providing power to the island making it unnecessary for BN/DOE to have large stores of diesel. DOE/EH has agreed in principle to allowing the IBC provide the fuel for the DOE equipment.

BN position - BN will turnover the containers and fuels to Bikini provided the following agreements can be reached.

- 1) BN/DOE will turnover fuel to IBC. This fuel amount will be credited to BN account on a per gallon basis. BN will then draw down from that amount.
- 2) BN/DOE will bring additional mo-gas and diesel with the LCU during missions. Following the missions they will be able to turnover unused fuel to IBC for account credit.
- 3) BN/DOE will have priority on fuel up to the amount of their

remaining credit.

4) The IBC fueling depot is in an easily accessible location.

This was resolved during the earlier discussions when Bill Toekles stated their would be no co-mingling of fuels. It was therefore skipped over. BN/DOE would provide it's own fuel. IBC would sell fuel to the Marshall Dive Adventures (MDA).

Kitchen - RRE through it's agreement with the Bikini Council will control the kitchen facilities within the Old School House. BN/DOE will construct a separate cooking/dining area for the experiment maintenance crew in the BN food store area. Much of the kitchen equipment will remain in the Old School House building. There are a few areas of concern.

1) BN/DOE will require some of the equipment when they begin operating across the street. A list will be prepared and transmitted to RRE to allow plenty of notice prior to moving the equipment.

BN will provide MDA with a list of equipment they will need from the current kitchen as soon as possible, ideally prior to May 2nd. This will be the only time BN will take equipment from the kitchen.

2) The remaining equipment is still DOE property but RRE will assume responsibility for maintenance and repair while they are using the Old School House and will leave the equipment when they move to Camp Blandy on Eneu.

The equipment will be Bikini Local Government Equipment and they will maintain and repair it. It will remain at BFS when MDA moves to Eneu.

3) BN staff will need to eat at the kitchen facilities until the work on their kitchen is completed.

This was agreed upon.

Facilities- There is general confusion as to when responsibility for the facilities has been turned over. This confusion extends even to the Bikini staff. A formal method of responsibility and control needs to be formulated.

MDA will take control of the Main Building on May 1, 1996. IBC will take charge of the BFS power generation June 3, 1996. A discussion of running the dive program during a mission was also discussed. This concern was prompted by BN's understanding that the science mission is set to begin mid-October 1996. Earl Gilmore and Jack Niedenthal will address this during the upcoming meetings with DOE in Honolulu, HI.

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Generators - Turnover of the power generators and the responsibility for power generation equipment maintenance and control needs to be formulated. DOE/BN oil and environmental containers will be turned over with the generators and the power generation responsibility.

The power generators will be turned over to Bikini on June 3rd. BN will remove the stored oil from the generator house to allow IBC to install it's 175Kw generator.

Other Concerns - BN will be turning over to the Bikini Council representatives a fair amount of equipment to reduce their maintenance responsibilities and improve the Field Station esthetics. The equipment needs to be removed from the area at the earliest possible time.

BN and IBC will work in tandem to remove the excess equipment.

Some method of preventing damage to Dr. Robisons' experiments needs to be formulated. This is especially true if quad runners are going to be provided the divers.

BN will approach LLNL on this matter and provide maps which MDA can provide it's customers.

Cost agreements need to be reached between the parties involved. BN and RRE concerning meals and lodging during the science missions. BN and IBC concerning construction support, fuel and power. DOE and the Local Bikini Council concerning the BFS lease.

Some form of work orders will be formulated among the parties to pay for services provided.

BN/DOE and Earl Gilmore then identified which buildings in the BFS were DOE, which were IBC, and which were MDA/RRE. Following the BN/DOE issues discussion centered around completion of the priorities laid out by Earl Gilmore. It was decided that the Brazilian dive party would be housed at Eneu but would take meals at BFS. This would allow IBC to begin work on the Main Building after the parties leave May 2, 1996. The whole building would be available beginning May 9, 1996. BN will get with Jack Niedenthal and others to decide the disposition of the BFS wall hangings.

Later discussions with Earl Gilmore and IBC decided that the fuel depot for the BFS should be next to Building 17. This where IBC plans to locate it's permanent power generation plant. IBC will also house fuel here and will build a berm and containment structure. BN will provide the Bikinians with two of the JP-5 fuel tanks for diesel storage.

It was also decided between all participants that a common landfill would be needed. That hazardous waste would be handled by each organization through there own waste streams. Junk metal would be transported to an area close to the proposed causeway. The site of the landfill

would be decided after consultation with Dr Robison.

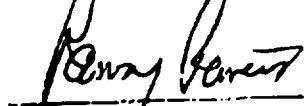
BN will have their kitchen up and running by May 9, 1996.

Jack Niedenthal closed this series of meetings by stressing the need for frequent and open communications between all the parties at all times.

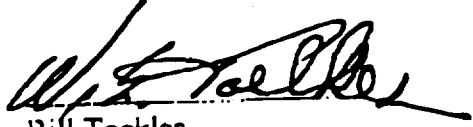
The undersigned acknowledge that the above minutes are a true record of the April 20, 1996 proceedings.



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